

**The Claims Defining the Invention are as Follows**

1. An extraction device for facilitating removal of a sheared fastening element, comprising a hollow body defining a cavity for receiving an exposed portion of the sheared fastening element, the body having a first face onto which the cavity opens to define an opening through which the exposed portion of the sheared fastening element can be received, the cavity having a boundary wall with an inwardly stepped configuration in the direction towards the opening.
2. An extraction device according to claim 1 wherein, the cavity is of generally circular cross-section, with the stepped configuration providing at least one step which is generally annular.
3. An extraction device according to claim 2 wherein the stepped configuration provides a plurality of such steps
4. An extraction device according to claim 1,2 and 3 wherein, the hollow body has an outer periphery configured for engagement by a tool for applying torque thereto.
5. An extraction device according to claim 4 wherein, said first face on the body has an outer periphery disposed inwardly of the outer periphery of the body.
6. An extraction device for facilitating removal of a sheared fastening element, comprising a hollow body defining a cavity for receiving an exposed portion of the sheared fastening element, the body having a first face onto which the cavity opens to define an opening through which the exposed portion of the sheared fastening element can be received, the cavity having a boundary wall presenting a plurality of edges at spaced intervals on the

7. An extraction device according to claim 6 wherein the steps are generally annular and concentric with said opening.
8. An extraction device according to claim 6 or 7 wherein the boundary wall is of stepped configuration to define said edges.
- 5 9. An extraction device accordingly to claim 8 or 9 wherein a rebate is provided in the body around the first face.
- 10 10. An extraction device for facilitating removal of a sheared fastening element, comprising a hollow body defining a cavity for receiving an exposed portion of the sheared fastening element, the body having a first face onto which the cavity opens to define an opening through which the exposed portion of the sheared fastening element can be received, the hollow body having an outer periphery configured for engagement by a tool for applying torque thereto, and a rebate provided in the body around the first face whereby the first face has an outer periphery disposed inwardly of the outer  
15 periphery of the body.
11. An extraction device substantially as herein described with reference to the accompanying drawings.